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From: Stringer, Stephanie, NMENV
Sent: Sun 8/9/2015 5:24:17 PM
Subject: FW: San Juan County Fair and water fair

Here is an update on ag contact

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From: Flynn, Ryan, NMENV
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2015 11:04 AM
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Subject: RE: San Juan County Fair and water fair

All,

Just to make sure we are all on the same page. Any issues related to agriculture or livestock from the local agricultural community should be directed to Bonnie Hopkins, the NMSU Ag Extension Agent for San Juan County. Her contact information is below.

-Ryan

From: Hopkins, Bonnie [mailto:bhopkins@ad.nmsu.edu]
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2015 5:53 PM
To: ag_connection@4cornersed.com
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Subject: Animas river update: livestock needs

Hello San Juan County producers,

After the press conference today at the Farmington Civic Center, officials are still awaiting official test results of the contaminants in the Animas River. Officials are taking extra precautions until the results are available. All Farm and Ranch producers have been instructed to cease all human, animal and land contact with the contaminated water. ***All municipal water sources have been secured and are safe to utilize. (if you receive a water BILL, your water is safe). The San Juan County Extension office is serving as the point of contact for livestock water emergencies. The San Juan County Fire Department will be delivering potable water to livestock producers in emergency need as the needs arise. If you have an emergency need, contact Bonnie Hopkins at 505-334-9496. Please provide your name, contact information, home address and the estimated amount of needed water in gallons. A schedule will be made and water will be delivered as soon as possible. Please limit your requests to true emergency needs in order to conserve resources.

All residential wells along the Animas river that fall within the Animas River Floodplain should also avoid

utilizing water in any way that requires direct human, land or animal contact. The State Engineer has assured us that basic uses such as utilizing a swamp cooler and flushing a toilet are safe and may continue. Testing sites will be available for these wells that are affected beginning Monday, August 10th at the San Juan County Fairgrounds. Additional information on testing will become available as soon as details are released. If you have a domestic water emergency, please contact the Office of Emergency Management. You can reply to bhopkins@nmsu.edu with additional questions or concerns regarding agricultural needs.

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Here is a copy of the latest update from the Office of Emergency Management:

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Media Contact: Michele Truby-Tillen (505-334-7700) trubym@sjces.net PRESS RELEASE August 7, 2015
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Animas River Contamination Plume Update and Residential Precautions

Aztec, NM - On Wednesday, August 5, 2015 the former Gold King Mine, located above Silverton, Colorado experienced the breach in their contamination dam, triggering a large release of water containing unknown contaminants into Cement Creek which is a tributary of the Animas River. At last report, the contamination plume had reached the Colorado/New Mexico State Line.

This morning at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., local officials along with Cabinet Secretary Ryan Flynn from the State of New Mexico Environment Department and New Mexico State Engineer, Tom Blaine held two informational meetings. San Juan County Communities and the Media were updated with the most current information on state and local responses, as well as information regarding the movement of the sediment and currently imposed public safety precautions.

At this time test results performed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have not been announced. Local officials and the media were asked to remind community members that until the contents of the plume are identified, the best course of action is to avoid contact by people, pets, and livestock with the contaminated water, including any recreational or agricultural activities.

Community members who use wells in the proximity of the Animas or San Juan River (below Farmington), are being urged by Cabinet Secretary Ryan Flynn not to use their wells for drinking, cooking, or bathing, until they have been tested. The New Mexico Environment Department will be providing FREE testing at the San Juan County Fair on Monday, August 10, 2015.

Potable water stations have been set up for residents at the following locations:
Center Point Fire Station # 1 - 16 Road 2755 Flora Vista Fire Station #1 - 2 Road 3275 Valley Fire Station #4 - 4 Road 6200

Stations will be open :

Friday 8/7/15 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 8/8/15 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 8/9/15 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Bring your own water containers. No large tanks.

As more information becomes available, updates will be sent out via media releases and on Facebook at the following locations:

San Juan County Office of Emergency Management City of Farmington (www.fmtn.org and www.facebook.com/cityoffarmingtonnm)

Farmington Fire Department (www.facebook.com/Farmingtonfire) Farmington Police Department (www.facebook.com/farmingtonpolicedepartmentnm)

City of Aztec Municipal Government Offices NMED web site www.env.nm.gov.

Information is also available on the La Plata County website at <http://www.co.laplata.co.us/emergency>, San Juan Basin Health Department's Website at www.sjbhd.org, La Plata County Government Facebook and San Juan Basin Health Department Facebook.

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Secretary of Environment